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The Editor Replies:

Soliciting guest editorials is always a risky business, although in virtually all instances the editorial highlights

the papers it is discussing in a positive fashion. Unfortunately, the logistics of publishing really do not permit editorials to be peer reviewed as are the papers about which they comment. Otherwise, it would be impossible to have the editorials appear in the same issue as the original papers. Therefore, I have taken it upon myself to look over the editorials, but of course there is no way that I can pick up errors in areas that are far from my own ken. For this reason, the solicitation and publication of editorials is, I suppose, somewhat of a calculated risk, but I think that the overall outcome is generally a good one. As I have been learning during the past 2 years, any innovation that one wishes to make is a calculated risk.